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Substitute Senate Bill No. 331

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN MINOR SHEET METAL WORK FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-340 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to: (1) Persons
4 employed by any federal, state or municipal agency; (2) employees of
5 any public service company regulated by the Department of Public
6 Utility Control or of any corporate affiliate of any such company when
7 the work performed by such affiliate is on behalf of a public service
8 company, but in either case only if the work performed is in
9 connection with the rendition of public utility service, including the
10 installation or maintenance of wire for community antenna television
11 service, or is in connection with the installation or maintenance of wire
12 or telephone sets for single-line telephone service located inside the
13 premises of a consumer; (3) employees of any municipal corporation

14 specially chartered by this state; (4) employees of any contractor while
15 such contractor is performing electrical-line or emergency work for
16 any public service company; (5) persons engaged in the installation,
17 maintenance, repair and service of electrical or other appliances of a
18 size customarily used for domestic use where such installation
19 commences at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed
20 by persons licensed to do the same and maintenance, repair and
21 service is confined to the appliance itself and its internal operation; (6)
22 employees of industrial firms whose main duties concern the
23 maintenance of the electrical work, plumbing and piping work, solar
24 work, heating, piping, cooling work, sheet metal work, elevator
25 installation, repair and maintenance work, automotive glass work or
26 flat glass work of such firm on its own premises or on premises leased
27 by it for its own use; (7) the fabrication of glass products or electrical,
28 plumbing and piping, fire protection sprinkler systems, solar, heating,
29 piping, cooling, sheet metal or elevator installation, repair and
30 maintenance equipment used in the production of goods sold by
31 industrial firms; (8) persons performing work necessary to the
32 manufacture or repair of any apparatus, appliances, fixtures,
33 equipment or devices produced by it for sale or lease; (9) employees of
34 stage and theatrical companies performing the operation, installation
35 and maintenance of electrical equipment if such installation
36 commences at an outlet receptacle or connection previously installed
37 by persons licensed to make such installation; (10) employees of
38 carnivals, circuses or similar transient amusement shows who install
39 electrical work, provided such installation shall be subject to the
40 approval of the State Fire Marshal prior to use as otherwise provided
41 by law and shall comply with applicable municipal ordinances and
42 regulations; (11) persons engaged in the installation, maintenance,
43 repair and service of glass or electrical, plumbing, fire protection
44 sprinkler systems, solar, heating, piping, cooling and sheet metal
45 equipment in and about single-family residences owned and occupied
46 or to be occupied by such persons; provided any such installation,
47 maintenance and repair shall be subject to inspection and approval by
48 the building official of the municipality in which such residence is

49 located and shall conform to the requirements of the State Building
 50 Code; (12) persons who install, maintain or repair glass in a motor
 51 vehicle owned or leased by such persons; (13) persons or entities
 52 holding themselves out to be retail sellers of glass products, but not
 53 such persons or entities that also engage in automotive glass work or
 54 flat glass work; (14) persons who install preglazed or preassembled
 55 windows or doors in residential or commercial buildings; [and] (15)
 56 persons registered under chapter 400 who install safety-backed mirror
 57 products or repair or replace flat glass in sizes not greater than thirty
 58 square feet in residential buildings; and (16) sheet metal work
 59 performed in residential buildings consisting of six units or less by
 60 new home construction contractors registered pursuant to chapter
 61 399a, by home improvement contractors registered pursuant to chapter
 62 400 or by persons licensed pursuant to chapter 393, including, but not
 63 limited to, exhaust systems installed for hoods and fans in kitchens
 64 and baths, clothes dryer exhaust systems, radon vent systems, fireplace
 65 flues or furnace flues that utilize masonry chimneys or prefabricated
 66 metal chimneys rated by the Underwriter's Laboratory or installation
 67 of stand-alone appliances including wood, pellet or other stand-alone
 68 stoves that are installed in residential buildings by such contractors or
 69 persons.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Revenue Loss	Less than \$180,000	Less than \$180,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill would allow new home construction contractors, home improvement contractors or certain other occupation license holders to perform sheet metal work in residential buildings with six or fewer units.

Currently, all sheet metal workers must hold a license, whereas home construction contractors, and home improvement contractors need only to register their businesses. The Department of Consumer Protection anticipates that, as the result of the passage of this bill, sheet metal workers affected by the provisions in this bill would no longer obtain the sheet metal licenses which would result in a revenue loss to the General Fund. (According to the department, this would be the case because the sheet metal workers will be able to perform their duties under the purview of their respective contractor's business registrations).

Currently, there are 6,000 sheet metal licenses issued. Not all sheet metal workers will discontinue their licensing since some will continue to perform work in buildings with more than 6 residential units. The annual sheet metal license fee is \$60. Thus, the revenue loss to the General Fund could range from zero if all current 6,000 licensed sheet metal workers continue renewing their licenses to \$360,000 if all were

to discontinue renewing their licenses. Although the last scenario is most unlikely, the exact revenue loss to the General Fund is unknown but is expected to be less than \$180,000.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN MINOR SHEET METAL WORK
FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS*****SUMMARY:**

This bill permits registered new home construction contractors, registered home improvement contractors, and certain other occupational license holders who do not possess a sheet metal license to install certain ductwork systems and stand-alone appliances in residential buildings with six or fewer units. Such systems and appliances may include, but are not limited to, exhaust systems for hoods and fans in kitchens and bathrooms; clothes dryer exhaust systems; radon ventilation systems; fireplace or furnace flues using masonry chimneys or pre-fabricated chimneys rated by the Underwriters' Laboratory; and wood, pellet, and other free-standing stoves.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

LICENSE HOLDERS

Among the license holders permitted to install these systems and appliances without a sheet metal license are electricians; plumbers; and heating, piping, and cooling workers.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

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